How To Teach While Attending School---- Doris Joyner

It's a tyoical night. As I gather my books around me and prepare to try to study, I can hear my younger brothers and sisters playing together joyfully. "Ah," I think, "now I'm going to get some serious studying done." Blissfully unaware of what's about to happen, I arrange my text books, notes, paper, and pencils and begin studying. Suddenly I hear a noise, and startled, I glance up to find my brother, Alvin, in the fourth grade, standing in front of me, his loaded down with arms books.

"Doris," he begins sheep-ishly, "will you help me with my lessons?" If I don't help him he refuses to go to school! So, with a sigh, I push aside my cwn books and reach for his geography. After we read the text over several times, we finally find the answers we are

looking for.

Geography finished, we tackle spelling. (This is a good review for me, because I'm an awful speller.) We spell words, make sentences, and learn definitions, and then spell the words several times again before spelling is dismissed.

Next on the agenda is a-rithmetic. This I love. I have always been able to work every phase of math except problems. The person who wrote Alvin's math book seemed to thrive on problems. When we get a problem half finished, Alvin asks testily, "Don't we have this problem finished?"

Completing the math lesson, we take up English. Of course it's nothing like Mrs. Farmer gives us seniors, but it's plenty rugged for a fourth grader. With the conclusion of English, I dismiss Alvin's

class for the night and once again resume my studies. It is now 9:30. By now I am sleepy.

Around 10:30 I finally stack my books and creep off to bed to get a good night's sleep!

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